(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

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(Natural Resource related items)

Sea Grant Conference. The Annual Sea Grant Conference was held at the Ramada Inn in Ludington on Saturday the 5th. This is a day-long meeting that looks at a number of fishing and hunting issues and which brings together all of the various parties involved in these activities. Archie Martell, Jimmie Mitchell and two of the Natural Resources Enforcement Officers represented the LRBOI with information on tribal activities and changes.

(Cultural related items)

New Year's Jiingtamok at MHS. Five departments from the tribal government, led by Be-Da-Bin Behavioral health held a 'Clean and Sober' Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) at Manistee High School on New Year's Eve this year. Three drums were there, lots of dancers, some traders and lots of dancing. Bill Memberto was the MC and Art deBres was the Arena Director. Kathy and Brian Gibson were the Head Dancers.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

Budgets. The governmental budgets have been signed and distributed to department directors for their planning purposes. Please watch your Currents for more details.

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